Appendix II.

[Vide answer to question No. 101 asked by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 4th August 1932, page 256 supra.]

Rules for the working of the Nandyal Tank Irrigation Board.

The Panchayat is constituted (*a*) to regulate the turns of opening and closing the sluices of Nandyal tanks having regard both to the reasonable requirements for irrigation and the town water-supply, (*b*) to secure fair distribution of water to individual ryots under each sluice and settle disputes that may arise, (*c*) to settle what lands are to receive irrigation when the supply in the tanks is insufficient for the whole ayacut and (*d*) to supply labour when urgently required for repairs to the tanks by the Public Works Department or Revenue authorities.

2. The Panchayat will be answerable for their acts of omission or commission if they are ultra vires or improper. The Panchayat may be dissolved by the Collector and any member of the Panchayat who does not discharge properly the duties he has undertaken or misuses his authority will be liable to removal by the Revenue Divisional Officer of Nandyal.

3. The Panchayat shall be bound to allow water to any ryot on the requisition of the Divisional Officer who will exercise a general power of revision over its orders.

4. There shall be for each sluice one or more 'Yajimans' appointed by the Divisional Officer in accordance with the wishes of the ryots cultivating under the sluice and they shall form the panchayat. The Panchayat will choose one of its members to be Secretary.

5. The 'Yajimans' for each sluice will be immediately responsible for the proper distribution of water to the fields and the settlement of disputes. They will have charge of the sluice keys subject to the condition in rule 8. A ryot aggrieved by the orders of his sluice Yajiman may appeal to the whole panchayat and the Secretary on his requisition will convene a meeting for this purpose.

6. The Panchayat as a whole having regard to the requirements of the irrigated area will decide in what order and from what periods the sluices shall be opened and may make arrangements when it thinks fit for lands ordinarily irrigated under one sluice to be irrigated under another.

7. The Government Nirgantis will open and shut the sluices in the morning and evening as required by the sluice 'Yajimans' but otherwise they will be under the control of the Reddy of Nandyal to whom application must be made if they are required for any field work or inspections.

8. In the monsoon it is essential for the safety of the tanks that the sluices should be under the control of one man having direct official responsibility and the keys of the sluices will, therefore, be in charge of the Reddy of Nandyal during that period.

9. The Panchayatdars shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.